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**Letter:**

Dear Bureau of Land Management and California Public Utilities Commission:

I am a resident of San Diego County, and I urge you to certify the EIR/EIS for the Tule Wind project.

The wind resource in McCain Valley is rare and valuable, and I feel confident that the mitigation measures proposed in the EIR will address the issues of concern. I ask you to keep the Tule Wind Power Project at its currently proposed size.

I believe that renewable energy is critical to meeting San Diego's growing power demands and long-term energy concerns. Wind energy is a free and unlimited resource. It helps California reach its renewable energy goals, lowers our dependence on imports of natural gas, oil and other fuels, and reduces smog and greenhouse gas pollution.

The Tule Wind Power Project will reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 250,000 tons per year, making our air cleaner and reducing our impact on climate change. As with any wind farm, less than two percent of the land in the wind project area will be used for actual wind power production, leaving the land free for existing recreational uses.

The Tule Wind Power Project will provide renewable energy to power more than 60,000 San Diego area homes, bring \$5 million annually to county revenues, and create approximately 325 much-needed jobs at the peak of construction and 12 permanent jobs for local residents.

If we are going to commit to renewable energy, the time to do so is now. We can't afford to delay bringing jobs, revenue and responsible renewable energy sources to our communities.

As a resident of San Diego County, these issues are important to me. I urge you to certify the EIR/EIS and allow the Tule Wind Power Project to proceed as proposed. The impacts to our community will be far greater if this does not move forward.

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